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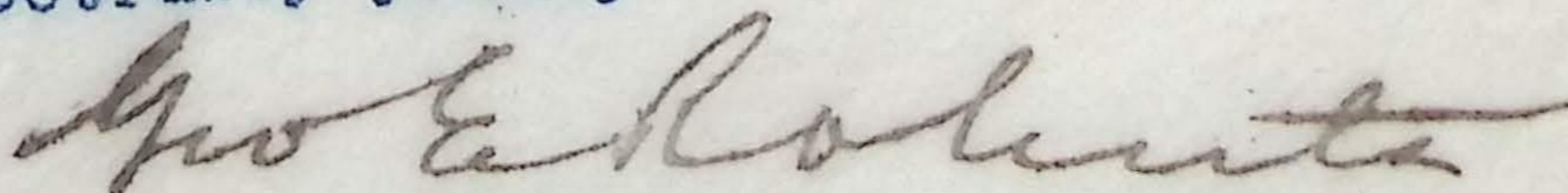
Perth West Australia.

Sir:

I am under obligation to you for your interesting pamphlet on the geology of the Coolgardie gold fields, just at hand. I will be further obliged to you if you will inform me whether in the tables extending from page 80 to page 98, the value of the output per ounce is calculated upon the amount of the coining of the fine gold contents or upon the net selling value of the crude gold bullion to the operator. You will understand we are interested in knowing the coining value of the product distinguished from the net return to the miner, after the cost of coinage and transportation to the mint and mint charges are deducted.

We have been very much at a loss to know how to reckon the coin-value of the West Australian product, as the official returns give it in ounces. If you will give me this information I shall be very glad to reciprocate as opportunity may offer.

Respectfully yours,



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[Signature] George E. Roberts,
Director of the Mint.

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